My Journey of Creative And Design

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Characters

Main Characters

Yan Lok/Grace (me)

The main protagonist of the book, had some issues that makes me use creativity to get out from the real world, maybe a bit too much as the copping meginism.

People around me thinks I'm a bit of myself and not stick to the rules much, but listens to anyone's rules anyway and atually do it. (I'm a bit of a people pleaser)

Glinix (Unknown 1)

She is a fictional character, one of the important part of my life as a character I drew since 2016, her design was heavily based on METTATON EX from Undertale.

She have a confident and bubbly nature of good will for encourage me a lot for creative work

Side Characters

Mum T.

She was my mom, she was a graphic designer/digital designer before became an owner and maker of VaryLittleCake. She helped me quite a lot while on designing and my dreams of became a book illustrator, but sometimes she is a bit too pushy of how I done designing stuff.

Tin Lam

A friend from church, we are friends because my mom knows my friend's mom. It's been knowing her since a life time despite the lack of interactions between each other right now.

Note: I don't remeber much of my childhood, but I tried my best to recreate with illustrationed important part where it effects me till now. Some illustrations were pure fiction.

Minor trigger warning: mentioning bullying in school and mental health struggle. please advice before reading.

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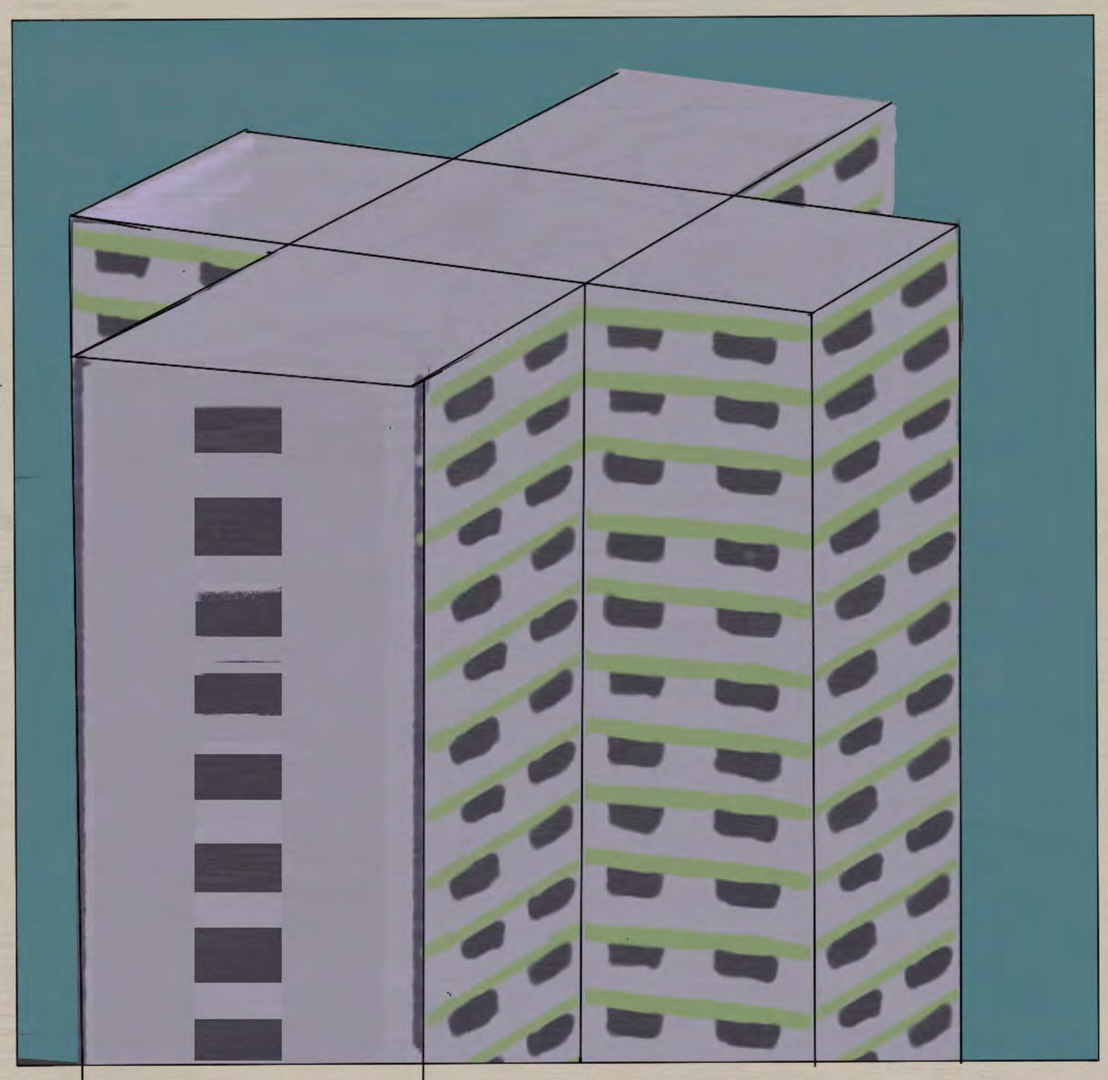


In long term short, I was born and grown in Hong Kong, and it was a simple yet stressful place to live since it was filled with homeworks and stuff that need to climb to top of the class and get into great school.

And I was the laybacks, the "lazy" ones from all asian had, I was a bit spoiled from the mix of east and west media since I watch a lot of animated films and shows, also videos of the famous indie games. It was 2014 that time I was inspired how characters were designed and written.

My name is Grace by preferences now, but my name is actually Yan Lok Cheung, it means graceful and happy in Chinese. And I speak Chantoese mainly at that time but develop on English and Manderain.

I also inspired from comics and illustrations in some liteartures, with the slight cartoonish look mixed with realistic look within the whole book.

All books I read since I was a kid.

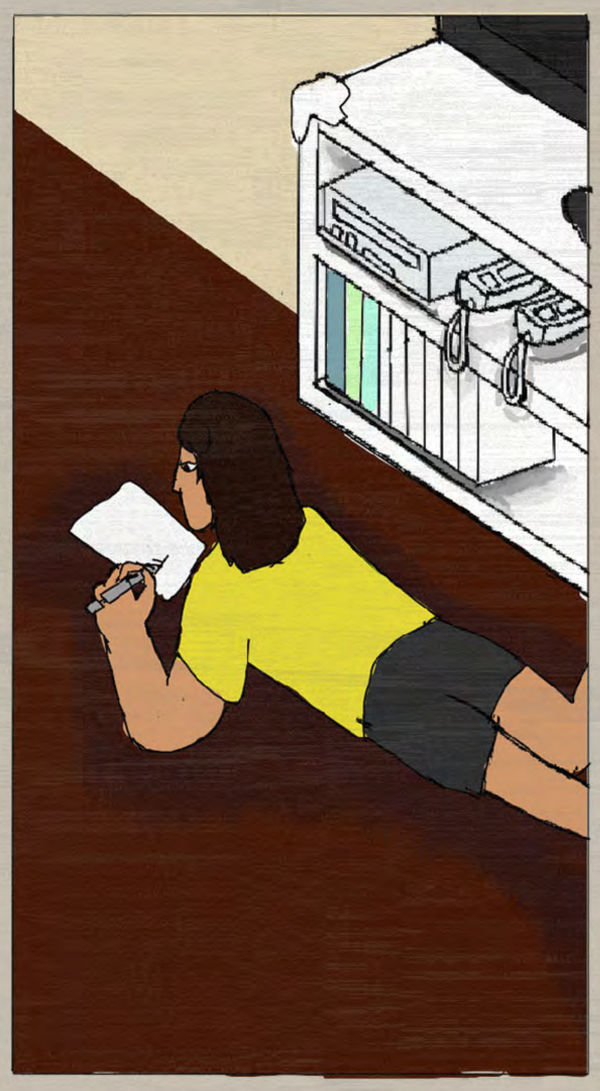
At primary school, I mostly alone cause of social outcast from the students from the same grade during most of the time, they called me tons of things like "sludge", "The Cheese Touch"*, "Snot Witch", every pushaway and hates (either comments or actions) hurts me a lot. It also effects my mental health, grades and socially. (Some adults and grown up think it just a playful thing for kids, also some avoid me because they knew from their kid)

I wish I was out of people's sight and hide from everyone, even my parents and family, so I went silent and not talk about much. Only imaginations.

*The Cheese Touch is a gag from "Dairy of the Wimpy Kid". Which if a kid touch the cheese, others avoid at best, and only transfer to others to get off the curse.

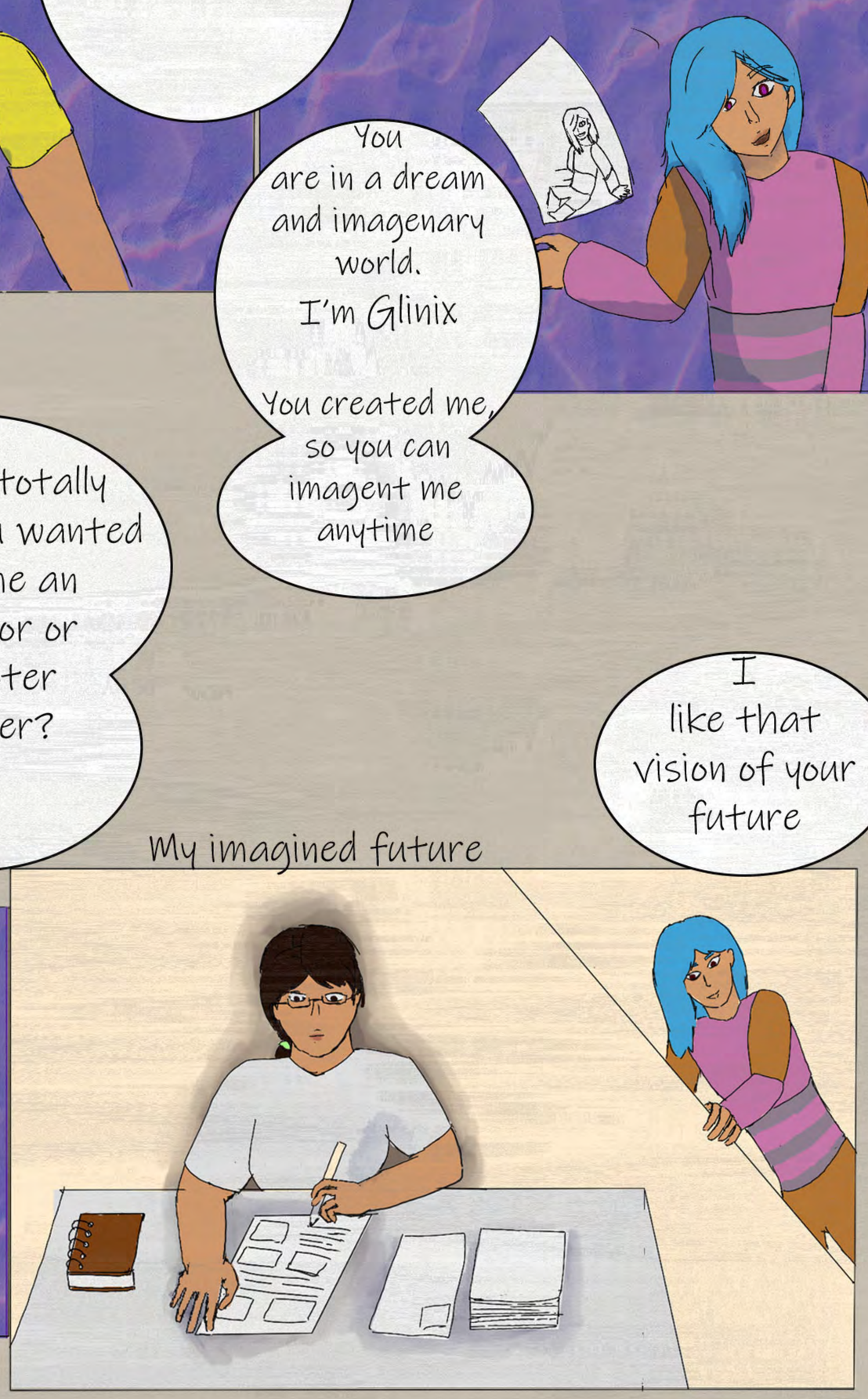
Even the school counsoulter knews till the third greade when it became worsed. He talked to me about this and multiple teachers about the situation. They wouldn't resolve much, and the situation was continue till the end of early secondary

This makes me wanted to escaped through drawing and imaginations in creativity.



At least I can had some of the time create one character when I was a kid, and had the heavily reference of METTATON EX from Undertale since it was popular that time in 2015 to 2016 that time, and I was exposed a lot of content.

I designed the similar appearances and had different appearances, it was the best for me at that time so I kept it in a file. also had the huge effect for my life for laying on the illustrations and digital design career. (also using imaginary for escape reality)



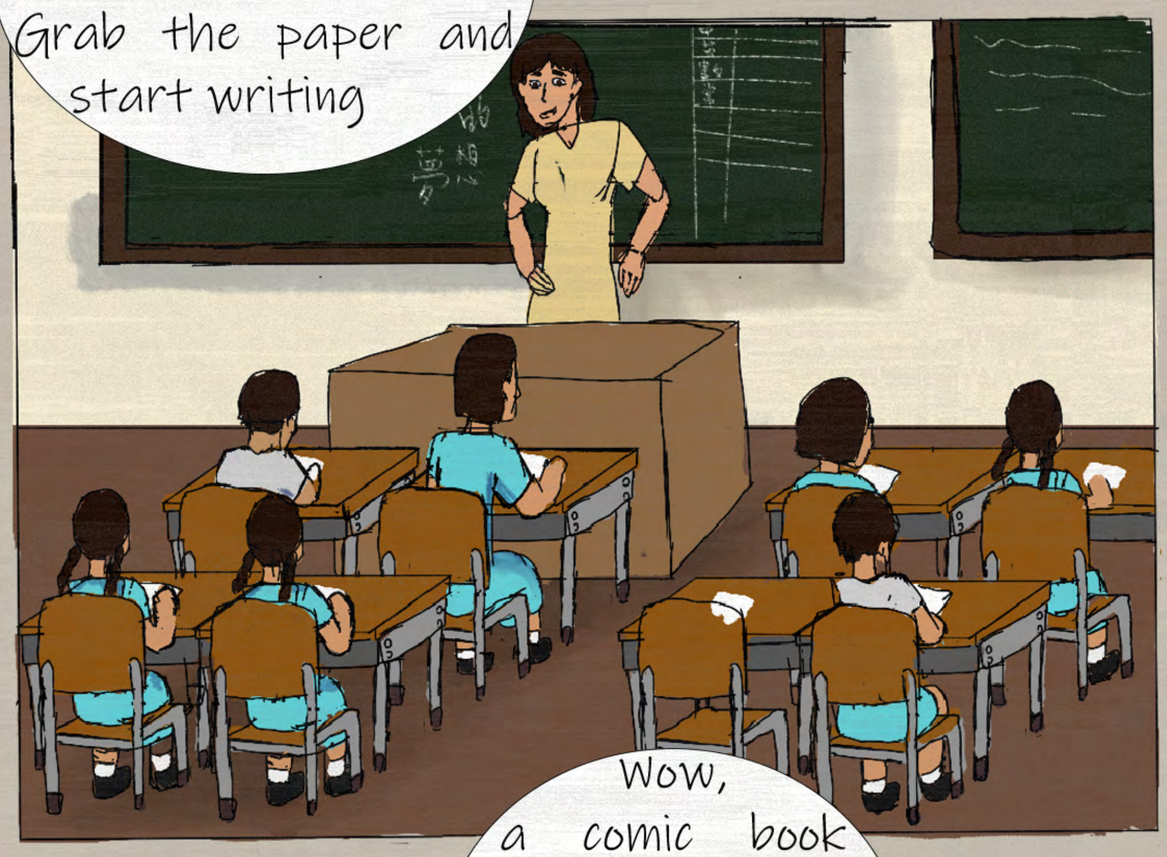
Probably this I can dream of

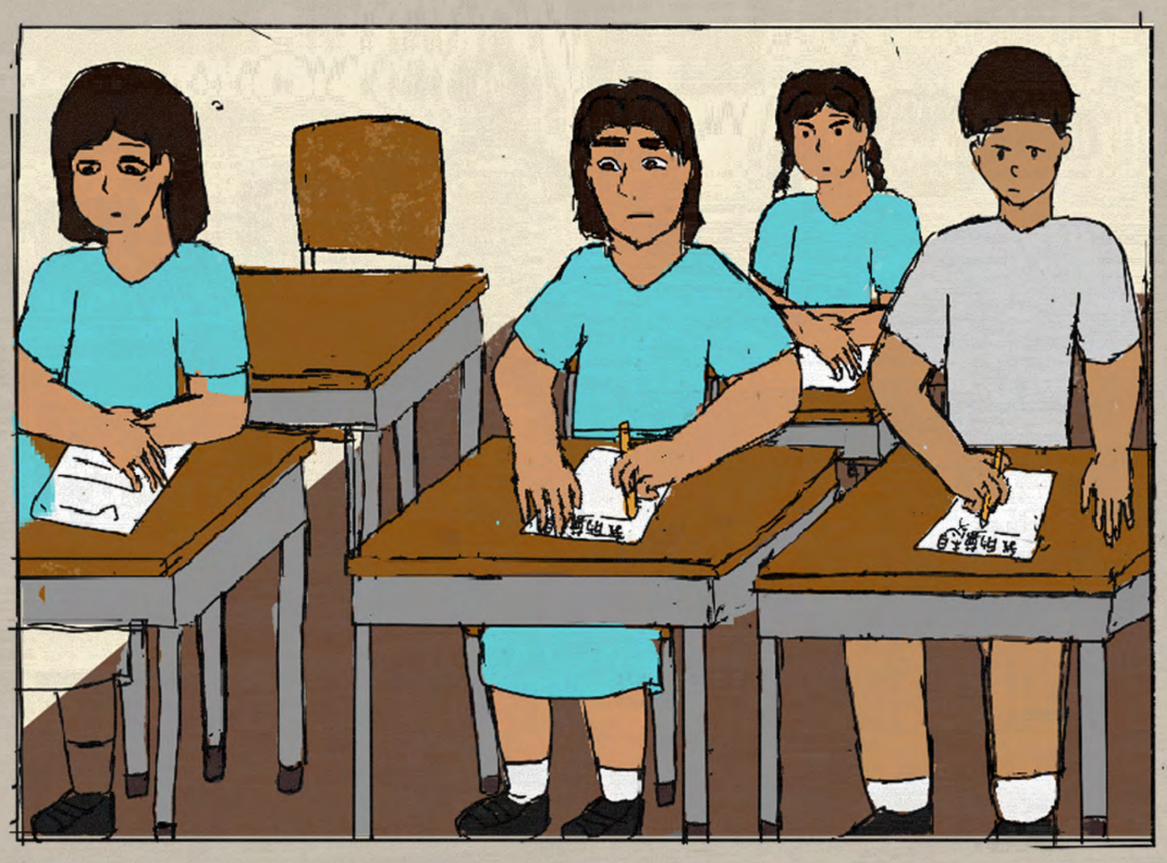
You get it. High five.

During school, teacher had told the entire class to write down their own dream. An d as from my experiaence in my dream and want to create things from imaginations, I wrote down my dream to become a comic book artist/illustrator.

I had to explain to my teacher about that after she approach me and questions about my dream job, than she do the same to other students.

Okay, class, you need to write down your dream job.
Grab the paper and start writing





Wow, a comic book artist, you ceratinly a dreamer.

Thanks Miss Chan

*All students must callsed by teacher miss/mr + first name

Hi, Carol, wanna see something amazing.

Yeah, what is it?

It's called Identity V, it is fun to play.

It sounds fun, I should download on my phone

As should, I'll add you later.

Note: my name was Carol before changed to Grace later.

When I was 11 (it is late 2018), my friend introduced me to a new game that had been out for months, and the game name is Idnetity V, it's a first game I actually played on my phone.

It had a great impacted for how every characters were designed and how the story was engraved in the game. I'm deep dived in the game itself. Adding some previous interested for other video games.

An idea got me for made a book and attempted to made a small illustration book of multiverse of video games.

What's in your mind? Want to create a small book.

Yes, but I don't know where to start.

Oh yeah, started with made a book with tapes and scrap papers.

ART SUPPLY

First Book

*Recreated from real book I actyally made

It is my first attempted for making an illustration book by myself with the handmade book, but I don't even do my researches or any beforehand experiance.

As result, it was a scrapted at last and put the hand made book aside. (but I kept it till now because how great the paper quality is)

Great question, but not your business anyway. (you ain't suppose to know)
Oh, it is great for that... How on earth you break the fourthwall

Another scrapted story

At around 12, I got a sketchbook as the birthday gift and had some ideas for creature designs and other doodles while bored in class.

It was fun and I can chase my dreams, even my mom encourage me to continue to do the designs while I'm improving from learning online.

Now, I had done quite a lot at least for chasing my dreams to become a book illustrator. (even though some part of story is easy to misunderstands)

But I like how I can translate some of the words into drawings.

Kaylee

Bruce

Luca

Rosabel

Janiem

Theodore

FIN

Greta

Glenna

Carol

And I also created characters over the years and had some reaccuring characters amoungs in this page.

Thanks for reading the illustration book of my creative life. (even it is short to show)

Note: all character's name were my original characters and they means a lot for me